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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠ DECEMBER 3, 2017



**Sat. Dec. 2 VIGIL-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**4:00pm Evan Bozzo by Mary Knowles**

**Sun. Dec. 3 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8:30am Stephen Proch by M/M Steve Proch**

**9:45am For the People of the Parish**

**Mon. Dec. 4 ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**8:30am Communion Service & Novena of the Miraculous Medal**

**Thurs. Dec.7 VIGIL-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM**

**6:30pm D/M Schueneman by Peg Schueneman**

**Fri. Dec. 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM**

**8:30am Irene Cheek by M/M Richard Croak**

**Sat. Dec. 9 VIGIL-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**4:00pm D/M Blondin & Bruno Families by Lucille Bruno**

**Sun. Dec. 10 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8:30am Kaylan Sennefelder by Dr./Mrs. Ed Yanulavich**

**9:45am For the People of the Parish**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

 **December 7-VIGIL 6:30pm**

**December 8-8:30am**

**PENANCE SERVICE**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS ON DEC. 7 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE. THERE WILL BE 3 PRIESTS AVAILABLE. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR RECONCILIATION.**

**CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

**What is the Advent wreath?** The Advent wreath is one of our most popular Advent traditions. Its origin is in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia, where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. The circular wreath made of evergreens with four candles interspersed represented the circle of the year and the life that endures through the winter. As the days grew longer, people lit candles to offer thanks to the “sun god” for the light. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.



***STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT:***

**Dec. 3, 2017 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**LECTORS:**

Dec. 2nd   4:00pm Kealy Ford

Dec. 3rd 8:30am Jim Kohn

 9:45am Kathy Fossetta

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

Dec. 2nd 4:00pm B. Negri/M. Rounsavill

Dec. 3rd 8:30am T. Butel/V. Yanulavich

 9:45am T. Butel/L. Van Houtte

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Dec. 2nd 4:00pm Alan/Sue Hynes

Dec. 3rd 8:30am Amanda Proch

 9:45am S. Lenzer/A. Hull

**HOSPITALITY & USHERS:**

Dec. 2nd  4:00pm Andrew Kelemen/Victor Benfatti

Dec. 3rd 8:30am Ed Snyder/Tom Volpe

 9:45am Frank Kopyta/Tom Quinn

**Dec. 10, 2017 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**LECTORS:**

Dec. 9th   4:00pm Sharon Lenzer

Dec. 10th 8:30am Susan Pilosi

 9:45am Lyne Van Houtte

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

Dec. 9th 4:00pm T. Butel/M. Croak

Dec. 10th 8:30am M. Chiodo/J. Martinoo

 9:45am K. Fossetta/D. Killian

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Dec. 9th 4:00pm Amanda Proch

Dec. 10th 8:30am Veronica Yanulavich

 9:45am A. Proch/B. Fossetta

**HOSPITALITY & USHERS:**

Dec. 9th  4:00pm Andrew Kelemen/Victor Benfatti

Dec. 10th 8:30am Richard Colwell/Evan Sennefelder

 9:45am Frank Kopyta/Richard Erazmus

**Our Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

If she has not yet visited your home and you would like information or to sign up to have the Statue visit your home, please call Pat Manago at 570-848-2284.

This is where the statue will be traveling in the

weeks to come:  **12/3-Tobin Family 12/10-Proch Family 12/17-OPEN 12/24-OPEN 12/31-OPEN 1/7-OPEN**

Parishioners who are sick and in need

of prayers can be added to our prayer

list by calling the Parish Office at

570-842-4995. Please pray for: Jenny Filingo, Jerry White, Jennifer Simis, Alan Lemech,

Vincent Orazi, Ben Topar, Craig Bozzacco, Donald Migliorato, Werner Henes, Phyllis Braun, Richard Major, Vonette Castelblanco, Bill Vockroth, Jane Colwell, Michael Begy, Jeanne Kopyta, Bob Jantz, Scott Carr, Suzanne Cicero, Robert Asinari, Muriel Calame, Carol Lippman, Matthew Gertz, Michael Klein, Arline Chumacas, Jamie Jantz, Karen Jantz, Jason Scott Taylor, Donna Lewis, Joanne Arredondo, Vincent Natoli and all the sick of the Parish.



**UPCOMING CLASSES**

**Dec. 3, 10, 17**

**December 3-Fath Formation Rosary**

**Families Welcome**

**December 17-5th & 6th Grade Parent**

**Meeting and Children’s Mass.**

Attendance at Mass is expected for all baptized

Catholics, even children. All children in the Faith Formation Program are expected to attend Mass weekly as part of their Faith Formation.

*PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE*

This year we are asking our parishioners to provide a Christmas tree ornament that reflects your family or has special meaning for you to be placed on our Parish Family Christmas Tree. If your family would like to be included in this Parish tradition, just drop off an ornament at the parish office or in the sacristy after any weekend liturgy. Those ornaments that were left in the past will also be placed on this year’s tree.

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 **Immaculate Conception Liturgies**

 **December 7—Vigil—6:30 P.M.**

**Immediately following there will be a Penance Service.**

 **December 8—8:30 A.M.**

 **Fourth Sunday of Advent-Dec 24**

 **Vigil—Dec. 23—4:00 P.M.**

 **December 24—8:30 A.M. & 9:45 A. M.**

 **Christmas Liturgies**

 **December 24—4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.**

 **December 25—9:45 A.M.**

 **Epiphany of the Lord**

 **January 6—Vigil—4:00 P.M.**

 **January 7—8:30 A.M. and 9:45 A.M.**

We would like to thank all those who contributed food for the needy this Thanksgiving. It is amazing what we can do when we mobilize our Parish resources for the common good. We thank you and ask God’s blessing upon you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING NOTE**

We as a parish are blessed by your presence with us and your participation in our parish community. We hope you find Saint Rita Parish a blessing in your life. The parish relies heavily on the Christmas collection to maintain financial stability throughout the year. Please be generous as you prayerfully consider your offering to our 2017 Christmas Collection. May you and all those you love have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all who donated to the parish “envelope” fundraiser. We received $14,481.00 and it has allowed us to repave the driveway around the church and extend the gravel parking area next to the church. When we can afford to do so, we would also like to pave the small parking area above the Church.

**MEMORIAL CARDS FROM THE CROSS**

Memorial Cards from the Cross may be picked up in the sacristy after the masses.

***STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:***

 

 **11/26/17**

 ENVELOPES (77): $ 1234.00

 LOOSE: $ 377.00

 SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (39): $ 296.00

 INSURANCE (42): $ 18.00

 **TOTAL: $ 1925.00**

 **THANKSGIVING (11): $216.00**

  11/26 11/19 11/12 11/5

 PEOPLE ATTENDING: 4:00PM 83 57 70 72

 8:30AM 54 54 57 57

 9:45AM 52 69 84 76

 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

 **KEEPING UP WITH YOUR WEEKLY SUPPORT**

 If you miss attending mass here at your parish church

 due to vacation, illness or other reason, please

 make-up your donation when you return.